Federation of Catholic Physicians' Guilds
Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements for the Year Ended December 31, 1959

Catholic Physicians' Guilds
being done by the Citizens for Decent Literature Committee in arousing opinion nationally to the dangers involved for the youth of America. After a thorough accounting of this worthy group's activities, the following resolution was proposed by Dr. Mulvihill and passed by the Board:

Whereas:

It has been brought to the attention of the Executive Board of the National Federation of Catholic Physicians' Guilds by Dr. William P. Riley of the Queens Guild:

That the unrestricted distribution of obscene, indecent, and pornographic literature, photographs, films, etc. constitutes a grave moral problem to the youth of many parts of the United States today and

That there are Federal and State laws in most areas which if adequately enforced could stop this nefarious traffic, and

That an aroused and militant public opinion is necessary to stimulate and encourage such adequate enforcement of existing laws by the enforcement agencies of the various Federal and State governments responsible, and

That Citizens for Decent Literature is a trustworthy, non-sectarian, non-political organization dedicated to arousing the public opinion necessary for more adequate enforcement of these laws.

1. Endorse and highly commend the efforts of the Citizens for Decent Literature for its efforts to arouse a public demand for enforcement of laws for the suppression of distribution and traffic in obscene, indecent, and pornographic literature, photographs, films, etc. and pledge its support to the furtherance of such worthy efforts, and

2. Take definite steps to appraise all the constituent Guilds of the Federation, and the individual members of the Catholic Physicians' Guilds of the nation, the moral and moral implications of this traffic, through The Linacre Quarterly and other available means, and endeavor to enlist their individual and collective support in behalf of the crusade for decency in literature by the Citizens for Decent Literature.

3. That any definite action by any constituent Guild in behalf of this effort be done only after clearance and approval by the Ordinary of the diocese in which that Guild is located.

4. That the Federation express its thanks to and praise of Dr. William P. Riley of the Queens Guild for his personal contributions to this decency crusade in the New York metropolitan area for the protection of the youth of our nation.

The Linacre Quarterly will be supplied with further data to inform the public how assistance can be given to this campaign against indecent literature.

The Board meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

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